

Good Faith Report Activity
Does this warrant going a thorough investigation?

Example: 1

Anonymous report alleging Environmental neglect and lack of supervision on two children ages 3 and 5. Narrative states that the mother leaves the children “home alone all the time” and that the house is dirty and unkempt with “garbage and animal feces all over the floor”. Reporter also states that the mother appears to be low functioning.

Upon initiation, CPS finds the home to be extremely clean. The family does not own any pets and mother presents with no signs of disabilities of any kind and in is employed part time as a waitress and is taking on-line classes at the local community college. The mother denies ever leaving the children home alone and provides CPI with the name of a neighbor, the landlord and a babysitter as collaterals.

The mother reports having a dispute with a former friend over money the friend owes her and feels this maybe a result of the conflict. CERAP determined to be “Safe”.

CANTS and LEADs are negative for history.

The neighbor reports that the she has never seen any signs of Ab/Ng. The neighbor states she has never seen the children out of the care of their mother and has been to the house on no less than 5 occasions and has never seen the home in any condition other than clean. She has been the neighbor for 3 years and considers the relationship between her and the mother/alleged perpetrator to be that of more than acquaintance’s, but would not describe them as close friends either.

Landlord reports that there are spot/unannounced checks on all of the apartments and that the mother/alleged perpetrator is always meticulous. He further reports that pets are not allowed per the lease. He has not had any complaints about the family from any of the tenants and has seen no signs of abuse or neglect.

Babysitter reports that she has been caring for both children 2 to 4 days a week for over two years and has never seen any signs of abuse or neglect. She describes the children and clean and well cared for. The babysitter stated that she has picked the children up at the residence upon occasion and the house is always clean.

At this time, does this report seem to have been made in *good faith*? Why or why not?

Discuss specific questions to be asked of the remaining required contacts.

Example #2.

A report is made by the ex-mother-in-law re: her former son-in-law who is father of her grandsons, ages 8 and 10 years old. Reporter is concerned that the alleged perpetrator had a relapse of using alcohol abuse and that there was possibly an domestic violence incident that happened with his current wife in the presence of the children while on a visit 2 weeks ago. The reporter stated that yesterday, her youngest grandson stated that his dad and his new wife might be getting a divorce because, "daddy was driving and drinking" and that their dad and step-mom "had a fight." The reporter stated that when she asked the oldest grandson about it, he just shrugged his shoulders and said he didn't want to talk about it. Per the reporter, when the alleged perpetrator was married to her daughter "he was a violent alcoholic." She stated that he went to treatment 5 years ago and has been doing really well to her knowledge. The reporter stated that she told her daughter, the mother of the boys, about the incident but she was not concerned.

CANTS positive for an allegation #10 exactly 5 years ago. Father got a DUI while driving with both boys in the car. LEADS DUI conviction and one charge of disturbing the peace.

At this time, does this report seem to have been made in *good faith*? Why or why not?

Could this possibly be unfounded in the initial 14 days?
Why or why not?

What warrant this to go formal? What makes this warrant a thorough investigation?
What information might lead us to unfound? What information do we want to seek, clarify, reconcile?